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Job Announcement Number:
LV-R10-MP-2012-0026

Control Number: 313330900

Environmental Protection Agency

Job Title: Interdisciplinary (Environmental Engineer / Environmental Scientist); GS-0819/1301-12/13

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

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This position is closed and no longer accepting online applications through USAJOBS.

The contents of the announcement can still be [viewed](#).

SALARY RANGE: \$73,420.00 to \$113,496.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 to Monday, April 23, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0819/1301-12/13

POSITION INFORMATION: Full-Time - Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Seattle, WA, US [View Map](#)

WHO MAY APPLY: Current permanent EPA employees with competitive status and CTAP eligibles.

JOB SUMMARY:

Earth Day is every day at EPA! Our diverse workforce connects to more than just a career-we share a common passion to promote a cleaner, healthier environment. We consistently rank as one of the top Federal agencies in which to work, with great benefits and work flexibilities. See more about us here: <http://www.epa.gov>.

This position is located in Region 10, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Pesticides and Toxics Branch, in Seattle, WA.

For more information on this office, visit their website: [Pesticides and Toxics Branch](#)

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- If you are selected, a pre-employment background check is required.
- You must submit resume and required documents(See How to Apply)
- Position has portable work and the selectee may be eligible to telework.
- You may be required to travel 1 to 5 days per month.

DUTIES:

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At the entry level of this position, you will:

- Serve as the designated Regional contact, technical subject matter expert, for the Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Program as carried out under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and related law, regulation, policy, and guidance. Identify, prioritize, advise, track, and report on the program's work activities, outputs, and outcomes.
- Serve as technical expert and project manager for complex PCB spill and cleanup investigations, technical assistance, and agency determinations for the remediation, storage, and disposal of PCB waste.
- Serve as the technical expert for PCB compliance monitoring. Develop and oversee strategies to target facilities and sectors for compliance investigations and inspections. Conduct research and analyses to evaluate and document the nature and extent of compliance status and trends.
- Serve as the Regional enforcement coordinator for PCB case review, development, and resolution activities. Oversee and prepare enforcement documentation to identify violations, supporting evidence, and penalty justifications. Provide expert support and testimony for settlement proceedings.
- Serve as authoritative consultant for technical and compliance assistance within EPA, other agencies,

the regulated community, and the public. Plan, guide, perform, and track compliance assistance and training activities.

When entering a Federal job at a grade level lower than the highest promotion potential level, you may be promoted to more complex duties and work more independently, as your career progresses.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

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You need a degree or combination of education and experience as described below to qualify for this position.

In addition to the educational requirements, we are looking for at least one year of specialized experience related to this position as described below:

To qualify for the GS-12 level, you need to have at least one year of full time experience defined as 1. Preparing summaries of complex technical, regulatory, or scientific materials; and 2. Negotiating among various stakeholders to analyze and solve environmental issues.

To qualify for the GS-13 level, you need to have at least one year of full time experience defined as 1. Defending summaries of complex technical, regulatory, or scientific materials; and 2. Negotiating among various stakeholders to analyze and solve environmental issues of a highly political or sensitive nature.

Your answers to the on-line assessment will be used to evaluate your competencies in the following areas:

1. Knowledge and skill in applying advanced concepts, principles, and practices of professional engineering or environmental science to diverse and complex environmental problems where conditions and information are incomplete, controversial, or uncertain.
2. Expert knowledge of environmental laws, regulations, policies, and procedures and their practical application to solve complex regulatory issues.
3. Ability to independently plan and conduct complex projects and carry them through to completion adjusting work activities and program objectives to meet time sensitive milestones and changing priorities.
4. Knowledge and skill in planning and conducting environmental compliance evaluations and investigations.
5. Knowledge of environmental compliance and enforcement principles (e.g. case review, development, and resolution activities).
6. Ability to communicate orally.
7. Ability to communicate in writing.

A bachelor's degree from an accredited or pre-accredited college or university.

Environmental Engineer - A. Professional engineering degree from a school of engineering with at least one or more curriculum accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as a professional engineering curriculum; or (2) include differential and integral calculus AND courses (advanced beyond first year physics and chemistry) in five of the following seven areas of engineering science or physics: (a) statics, dynamics; (b) strength of materials (stress strain relationships); (c) fluid mechanics, hydraulics; (d) thermodynamics; (e) electrical fields and circuits; (f) nature and properties of materials (relating particle and aggregate structure to properties); and (g) any other comparable area of fundamental engineering science or physics, such as optics, heat transfer, soil mechanics, or electronics. -OR B. Combination of education AND experience--college-level education, training, and/or technical experience that furnished: 1) a thorough knowledge of physical and mathematical sciences underlying professional engineering, and (2) a good understanding, both theoretical and practical, of engineering sciences and techniques and their applications to one of the branches of engineering. The adequacy of such background must be demonstrated by one of the following: 1) Professional registration; 2) Written test--Evidence of having successfully passed the Engineer in Training exam or the written test required for professional registration; 3) Specified academic courses-- Successful completion of at least 60 semester hours in the physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences and in engineering that included the courses specified in the basic requirements. The courses must be fully acceptable toward meeting the requirements of a professional engineering curriculum as described in paragraph A; or 4) Related curriculum--Successful completion of a curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering technology or appropriate professional field provided applicant has 1 year professional engineering experience acquired under professional engineering supervision and guidance.

Environmental Scientist - Physical science, engineering, or mathematics that included 24 semester hours in physical science and/or related engineering science such as mechanics, dynamics, properties of

materials, and electronics; OR a combination of education and experience with education equivalent to one of the majors listed that included at least 24 semester hours in physical science and/or related engineering science. As part of the application process, you are required to submit college transcripts or a list of courses as described in the Required Documents section of this announcement. However, if you are selected, you must provide official educational transcripts before you start work with EPA.

More information on verification of education can be found here:
http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm

This position is designated as Low Risk and requires a background investigation. Unless an appropriate background investigation is already on record with the Office of Personnel Management, you must undergo a background investigation.

You must meet time in grade requirements no later than 30 calendar days after the closing date of this announcement.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

We will review your resume and required documents to ensure you meet the basic qualification requirements. Your resume must address the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed in the Qualifications Section. If you meet basic qualification requirements, your application will be further evaluated based on your answers to the on-line assessment. Your responses to the on-line assessment will be used to measure the degree to which your background matches the requirements for the position and an applicable score assigned.

We will compare your resume and supporting documentation to your responses on the assessment questionnaire. If you rate yourself higher than is supported by your application materials, your responses may be adjusted and/or you may be excluded from consideration for this job. We will evaluate your qualifications and eligibility and notify you if you meet minimum qualification requirements.

NOTE: We do not require a separate statement responding to the competencies, also referred to as Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs). However, your resume should clearly show possession of these competencies.

To preview questions please [click here](#).

BENEFITS:

Benefits will not change for current permanent EPA employees.

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OTHER INFORMATION:

This position is in the bargaining unit.

Are you a Displaced Federal Employee? If so, please read the Required Documents and visit the EPA website for additional information http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm.

This information is used to determine your qualifications for employment. The use of this information is authorized under Title 5 USC, Sections 3302 and 3361. If you are selected, travel, transportation, and relocation expenses will not be paid by EPA.

Any travel, transportation, and relocation expenses associated with reporting to work in this position will be your responsibility.

HOW TO APPLY:

You are strongly encouraged to read the entire announcement before you submit your application for this position.

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To begin the application process, click the Apply On-line button to the right on this screen, follow the prompts to log-in/register, submit all required documents, and complete the assessment questionnaire. To be considered, you must submit a complete application package by 11:59 PM Eastern time on the closing date of this announcement.

All required supporting documents will be collected electronically via the USA Jobs document portfolio feature.

If you cannot apply on-line, you must contact the Human Resources Office listed to the right for assistance no later than three business days prior to the closing date of this announcement. You must provide complete application materials by the closing date of this announcement.

For detailed instructions to assist you in ensuring your application package is received, go to
http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Documents to be submitted on-line:

- Resume clearly stating your experience related to this position as described in the Duties Section and Qualifications Required Section. In describing your experience, you need to be clear and specific. We may not make assumptions regarding your experience.
- Responses to the on-line assessment questionnaire.
- College transcripts - required to submit either unofficial transcripts or a list of courses that includes course title, grades earned, completion dates, department, and quarter or semester hours earned.
- Displaced Federal employees under CTAP - copy of your most recent performance appraisal, proof of eligibility, and your most current SF-50 noting position, grade level, tenure, and duty station.
- Current EPA Employees: You are encouraged to submit a Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50). If you fail to provide an SF-50, we will access your Federal employment records in e-OPF to verify your eligibility to be considered. If your eligibility for consideration cannot be determined, your application will be rated ineligible.

If you want to know more about submitting documentation to our office, visit EPA's web site:
http://epa.gov/ohr/ezhire/vacancy_requirements.htm

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WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT:

You can track the progress of your application package via your USAJobs account.

You will receive an acknowledgement from USAJobs that your submission was successful, once we have received your on-line occupational questionnaire, resume and any supporting documentation. You will be notified of the status of your application via your USAJobs Account after we conduct a qualification review of your complete application package. You will be contacted if further evaluation or interviews are required. Any exaggeration of your experience, false statements, or attempt to conceal information may disqualify you for employment consideration. We may verify all information you provide in your resume and questionnaire responses, through reference and/or background check, and/or verification of your education. If you are selected, you will be contacted personally by the human resources office posting this announcement.

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